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LOCAL SELF-RULE FOR TAIWAN IN 1950

After assuming governorship of the island, Ch'en Ch'eng publicly announced to the people that they will be granted local self-rule in 1950. He established the Taiwan Local Self-Rule Research Committee to study the problems of subdividing the hsien and municipalities, establishing hsien and municipal assemblies, and instituting election system for the selection of hsien and municipal officials.

The plan proposed by this committee, headed by former deputy chairman of the Executive Yuan, Chang Li-sheng (Ueda: 3065, 1095, 7461), calls for the subdivision of the present eight hsiens and nine municipalities into 15 hsiens and five municipalities. The seven new hsiens are to be established by redemarcation of the boundaries of Taihoku, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, and Takao hsiens. The five new municipalities mentioned above include Kiirun, Taihoku, Taichu, Tainan and Takao. Other cities on the island are to come under the jurisdiction of the hsiens government in which they are located.

All hsien magistrates and mayors are to be chosen by popular votes and a council is to be formed by each hsien and municipal government. The old hsien will retain their old names; the names of the new hsien are to be announced after approval by the provincial government.

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